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Toby Ann Stavisky

Senator Stavisky Reminds New Yorkers to put Safety First this Halloween

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Flushing, NY—Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D- Flushing) is urging children and parents to use caution this Halloween so that the day remains safe and enjoyable for all.

“Halloween is a fun time for families and neighborhoods to get together, dress up in costumes and enjoy delicious candies,” Senator Stavisky said. “To keep it enjoyable, I urge New Yorkers to stay vigilant and remember to use caution when crossing streets in the dark and to avoid unwrapped sweets.”

The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP) has provided tips to help guarantee a safe holiday this Halloween. These tips include:

- Planning costumes that are bright and reflective;
- Making sure that shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame;
- Adding reflective tape, striping, or glow sticks to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility;
- Obtaining flashlights with fresh and spare batteries for all children and their escorts; and
- Teaching children to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.

Senator Stavisky concluded, “By following these simple guidelines, we can make sure that everyone has a safe and fun Halloween.”

For more information on how to make this Halloween a safe and fun one, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website: <http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/>.